GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Trade in Agricultural Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India"s share in the global trade of agricultural products is very low and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the quantum of agricultural products and other edible items imported as well as exported during each of the last three years and the current year, item and country-wise along with foreign exchange earned thereon;

(c) whether there has been any instance of dumping of edible items, other essential items in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the strategy being adopted to reduce the dependency on imported foodgrains;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of the import of edible items on their prices in the domestic market and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the export of agricultural commodities has also affected the domestic supply and demand scenario and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to ensure proper domestic supply of these products and create a balance between their demand and supply in the domestic market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) As per World Trade Organization (WTO) International Trade Statistics, 2015 (based on trade in 2014), India's share in world exports of agricultural products was 2.5%. India ranks 7th among the leading exporters of agricultural products. Keeping in view the fact that India has a large domestic consumption base for agricultural products, India's share in the world agriculture trade cannot be termed as low.

(b) The commodity wise details of India's major export and import of agricultural products (Top 10 products) are at Annexure-I. Country-wise details of export and import of most important agricultural products (top 5 countries for each of the top 5 commodities) are at Annexure-II.

(c) Edible oils and pulses, which are in short supply in India, account for the bulk of India's import of agricultural products. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is making concerted efforts to increase production of these products through National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP). The Government has not come across any instances of dumping of essential agricultural commodities into India

(d) No, Madam. The domestic prices of agricultural commodities depend on several factors such as demand and supply situation, quality, price support operations etc. Ascertaining the effect of a single factor i.e. imports on the domestic prices of agricultural commodities may not be feasible.

(e) While framing the export policy for the agricultural products, the Government takes several factors into consideration such as availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, if any, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, need to balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices etc.
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ANNEXURE − I
Commodity-wise export of agricultural products (top 10 products)
Quantity in Thousands; Value in US $ Million
(P) − Provisional

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (P)		2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	1,000,818.64	5,016.46	1,073,965.69	5,510.49	976,246.82	4,761.96	135,721.31	693.37

2 BUFFALO MEAT TON 1,365.64 4,350.23 1,475.54 4,781.18 1,314.16 4,068.66 189.00 545.71
3 RICE -BASMATI TON 3,754.10 4,864.69 3,698.93 4,516.28 4,044.83 3,477.35 749.54 584.81
4 SPICES KGS 896,565.40 2,497.22 926,020.95 2,430.35 820,658.97 2,502.52 172,290.28 484.66
5 RICE (OTHER THAN BASMATI) TON 7,148.47 2,925.05 8,278.23 3,336.84 6,374.36 2,307.81 1,057.32 379.51
6 COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE 1,947.70 3,637.53 1,142.53 1,900.19 1,346.50 1,937.87 115.70 162.62
7 SUGAR TON 2,477.64 1,177.03 1,955.19 871.41 3,825.51 1,482.68 594.10 257.84
8 COFFEE KGS 253,902.13 798.80 221,396.66 814.02 255,717.11 783.45 61,061.83 157.93
9 CASHEW TON 120.74 842.30 134.57 909.26 103.13 768.07 12.22 100.48
10 FRESH VEGETABLES TON 2,291.75 886.12 2,061.00 763.24 1,872.02 727.80 421.51 102.50
OTHER PRODUCTS 15,870.20 12,872.92 9,334.75 1,482.29
Total 42,865.63 38,706.18 32,152.92 4,951.72
Source: DGCI&S
Commodity-wise import of agricultural products (top 10 products)
Quantity in Thousands; Value in US $ Million
(P) − Provisional
Sl. No. Commodity Unit 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
1 VEGETABLE OILS TON 7,942.90 7,249.85 12,731.60 10,621.48 15,638.94 10,485.18 2,097.19 1,558.39
2 PULSES TON 3,177.89 1,828.16 4,584.85 2,786.11 5,796.51 3,900.78 704.42 472.89
3 FRESH FRUITS TON 769.14 1,273.44 866.15 1,565.20 835.19 1,685.74 182.97 231.43
4 CASHEW TON 776.33 773.78 933.19 1,087.16 961.67 1,339.34 70.90 107.56
5 SPICES KGS 155,577.43 571.36 163,094.90 717.78 190,681.32 820.60 32,753.60 130.45
6 NATURAL RUBBER TON 360.27 906.41 442.13 818.29 458.38 715.12 57.59 75.18
7 SUGAR TON 880.96 392.18 1,538.64 601.17 1,943.13 612.26 55.54 21.71
8 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NA 341.26 NA 408.47 NA 443.12 NA 79.43
9 COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE 180.97 394.47 259.43 508.80 231.59 393.63 47.76 84.33
10 MISC PROCESSED ITEMS NA 244.47 NA 292.05 NA 274.47 NA 41.81
OTHER PRODUCTS 1,001.68 1,156.85 1,277.46 163.83
Total 14,977.06 20,563.36 21,947.70 2,967.01
Source: DGCI&S
NA: Not Available

Annexure − II
Country wise exports of top 5 items in India's agricultural export basket:
MARINE PRODUCTS
Quantity: Thousand KGS; value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
U S A 110,017.41 1,267.84 276,383.01 1,457.50 227,736.09 1,326.85 20,190.10 183.36
VIETNAM 256,745.21 963.49 128,804.74 1,102.91 147,223.04 895.05 37,041.84 173.73
JAPAN 70,290.71 406.94 78,605.23 447.27 76,320.33 404.66 11,578.31 49.96
SPAIN 43,972.69 166.27 53,732.63 205.36 57,043.27 184.29 6,488.77 22.45
BELGIUM 25,037.22 214.59 50,471.95 202.99 49,297.23 172.79 2,052.34 14.06
OTHERS 494,755.40 1,997.33 485,968.13 2,094.46 418,626.86 1,778.32 58,369.95 249.81
Total 1,000,818.64 5,016.46 1,073,965.69 5,510.49 976,246.82 4,761.96 135,721.31 693.37
BUFFALO MEAT
Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
VIETNAM 524.18 1,795.50 633.35 2,152.86 605.10 1,992.64 68.33 212.50
MALAYSIA 121.71 388.66 130.88 422.94 135.94 410.02 28.05 79.92
EGYPT 107.82 338.21 128.08 422.34 115.32 357.72 20.57 61.85
SAUDI ARAB 74.60 247.10 73.82 259.01 64.65 216.23 12.04 39.00
IRAQ 29.99 87.10 23.60 66.33 42.99 117.36 9.16 20.58
OTHERS 507.34 1,493.66 485.81 1,457.70 350.16 974.69 50.85 131.86
Total 1,365.64 4,350.23 1,475.54 4,781.18 1,314.16 4,068.66 189.00 545.71
RICE -BASMATI
Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
SAUDI ARAB 826.12 1,108.84 966.30 1,187.91 948.85 842.22 176.98 136.72
IRAN 1,440.45 1,834.51 935.57 1,108.50 695.31 571.19 204.70 158.79
U ARAB EMTS 147.90 196.51 277.89 314.38 612.15 475.18 92.59 69.74
IRAQ 219.61 271.13 235.45 259.13 418.31 340.97 50.37 33.94
KUWAIT 175.54 247.94 166.47 250.53 180.73 211.68 30.54 28.50
OTHERS 944.48 1,205.76 1,117.25 1,395.83 1,189.48 1,036.11 194.36 157.12
Total 3,754.10 4,864.69 3,698.93 4,516.28 4,044.83 3,477.35 749.54 584.81
SPICES
Quantity: Thousand KGS; Value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

U S A 68,643.28 391.52 66,323.81 409.80 65,022.80 426.52 11,551.17 66.31
VIETNAM 98,114.82 175.38 122,863.19 210.17 104,192.43 219.20 27,877.99 67.09
CHINA 47,689.39 384.41 25,574.61 245.27 22,277.64 171.49 3,981.70 42.47
THAILAND 47,228.24 76.97 50,184.78 85.97 63,537.14 135.96 7,497.77 17.07
MALAYSIA 57,731.93 96.66 56,860.07 103.59 65,124.54 117.15 13,504.02 25.32
OTHERS 577,157.74 1,372.28 604,214.49 1,375.55 500,504.42 1,432.20 107,877.63 266.40
Total 896,565.40 2,497.22 926,020.95 2,430.35 820,658.97 2,502.52 172,290.28 484.66
Source: DGCI&S; (P) - Provisional

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RICE (OTHER THAN BASMATI)
Quantity: Thousand TON; Value US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
SENEGAL 651.98 195.73 765.02 226.03 905.97 244.13 123.04 32.39
BENIN 1,166.85 485.17 598.57 247.12 623.35 215.53 162.3 55.23
NEPAL 406.16 119.8 630.49 216.76 486.66 173.54 90.74 33.55
COTE D" IVOIRE 261.5 98.67 259.69 97.93 457.42 152.56 31.77 9.8
GUINEA 221.77 87.66 397.72 152.88 395.98 133.03 137.4 45.22
OTHERS 4,440.21 1,938.02 5,626.74 2,396.12 3,504.98 1,389.02 512.07 203.32
Total 7,148.47 2,925.05 8,278.23 3,336.84 6,374.36 2,307.81 1,057.32 379.51

Country-wise import of top 5 items in India's agricultural import basket:

VEGETABLE OILS
Quantity: Thousand TON; Value of US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
INDONESIA 3,544.42 3,014.00 4,930.88 3,887.70 5,988.52 3,631.50 676.00 483.08
MALAYSIA 1,665.85 1,424.51 3,294.71 2,587.90 3,839.59 2,295.99 502.17 346.51
ARGENTINA 1,091.68 1,135.70 1,738.59 1,582.68 3,024.23 2,246.20 539.47 412.52
UKRAINE 1,074.64 1,110.45 1,728.14 1,578.16 1,489.84 1,274.49 185.53 158.22
BRAZIL 225.74 228.17 440.11 408.19 760.55 570.35 105.88 81.51
OTHERS 340.57 337.02 599.17 576.85 536.21 466.65 88.14 76.55
Total 7,942.90 7,249.85 12,731.60 10,621.48 15,638.94 10,485.18 2,097.19 1,558.39

PULSES
Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
CANADA 1,504.72 758.69 2,195.56 1,074.57 2,510.81 1,415.54 222.93 99.13
MYANMAR 667.15 459.39 931.33 803.00 721.98 817.45 129.31 164.04
AUSTRALIA 342.21 189.46 332.66 188.41 912.19 624.24 25.98 21.41
RUSSIA 215.62 90.33 236.89 103.16 503.49 217.57 101.47 40.38
U S A 195.85 112.44 312.23 168.38 259.08 151.89 41.11 20.90
OTHERS 252.34 217.85 576.18 448.59 888.96 674.09 183.62 127.03
Total 3,177.89 1,828.16 4,584.85 2,786.11 5,796.51 3,900.78 704.42 472.89

Source: DGCI&S; (P) - Provisional

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FRESH FRUITS
Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
U S A 129.84 479.41 136.15 551.63 180.97 725 29.15 87.76
AFGHANISTAN 26.11 120.39 35.51 164.06 31.22 164.05 2.79 14.61

AUSTRALIA 22.25 106.03 19.65 102.81 25.26 158.47 1.49 6.12
IRAN 31.24 67.62 42 104.42 44.53 106.5 7.53 10.63
PAKISTAN 132.58 100.15 135.73 106.74 115.85 89.26 12.79 9.76
OTHERS 427.12 399.84 497.11 535.54 437.36 442.46 129.22 102.55
TOTAL 769.14 1,273.44 866.15 1,565.20 835.19 1,685.74 182.97 231.43

CASHEW
Quantity: Thousand TON; Value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
COTE D" IVOIRE 209.27 176.95 341.64 354.09 338.20 423.48 32.07 46.97
GUINEA BISSAU 114.70 109.44 123.83 157.92 122.90 197.50 - -
TANZANIA 112.16 149.37 140.35 203.74 116.57 191.49 11.11 17.66
BENIN 103.98 102.21 125.51 142.04 146.05 190.57 0.44 0.63
GHANA 96.34 88.21 64.27 69.44 68.82 88.34 11.12 17.17
OTHERS 139.88 147.60 137.59 159.93 169.13 247.96 16.16 25.13
Total 776.33 773.78 933.19 1,087.16 961.67 1,339.34 70.90 107.56

SPICES
Quantity: Thousand KGS; Value in US $ million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P) 2016-17 (Apr-May) (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
VIETNAM 25,553.89 64.75 39,746.17 154.04 29,121.21 120.57 5,746.17 27.31
SRI LANKA 15,405.15 97.62 9,538.61 91.46 13,143.91 116.37 812.25 6.9
MADAGASCAR 4,109.53 33.64 6,888.14 67.32 12,288.29 109.53 1,964.12 17.35
AFGHANISTAN 2,614.62 58.15 3,161.81 71.48 3,454.01 92.83 610.75 14.22
INDONESIA 6,634.22 28.59 11,625.08 47.6 19,151.95 72.54 1,878.22 6.53
OTHERS 101,260.02 288.61 92,135.09 285.88 113,521.95 308.76 21,742.09 58.14
Total 155,577.43 571.36 163,094.90 717.78 190,681.32 820.60 32,753.60 130.45

Source: DGCI&S; (P) - Provisional